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INS/TALLATION\ LOCATION

Tbilisi Communication Facility

None

E. NUMBER: WAC NUMBER: 325

20 nm NNW of Tbilisi, USSR

BRIEF NO.: JB-26-58 DATE: 19 November 1958

LAT. : 42° 03' N LONG .: 44° 41' E

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ENCLOSURE: Sketch of facility

MAP DATA: ATMP 100-0325-9997-1-100

REMARKS:

A previously unreported communication facility appears on the extreme outer edge of the referenced photography. The installation, which is about 10,000 feet long and 3000 feet wide, is located near the small village of Dusheti, about 20 nm NNW of Thilisi. There is a striking similarity between this facility and the so-called "serpentine" argays at Alma-Ata, Novosibirsk, Stalinabad and Tashkent.*

Within a fenced area there are at least 35 self-supporting lattice towers ranging in height from 130 to 330 feet. These towers probably support a series of curtain arrays which are probably used for directionalized dommunication work. In addition to the probable curtain arrays, there is evidence of other antenna array construction including a possible rhombic and a rectangular area containing numerous mast and anchor bases. Two control buildings, each served by two cooling towers, and several support buildings are also present.

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* Alma Ata was reported in CIA/B-7/58, [

and Navy NT-PD-0003.

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Novosibirsk was reported in CIA/B-6/58 and ported in Navy NT-PD-0004 and

Tashkent was reported in

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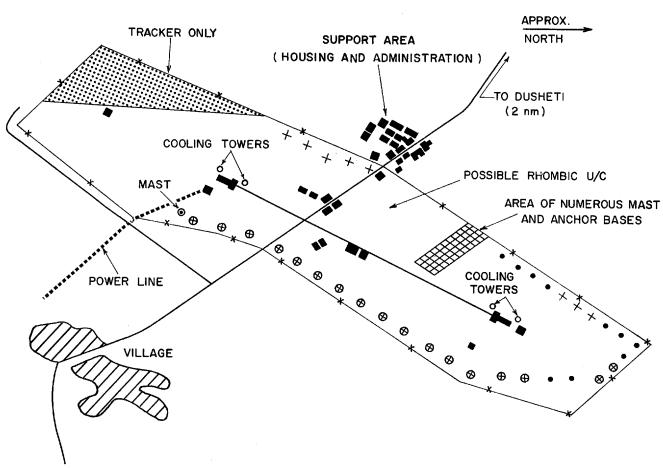
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COMMUNICATION FACILITY 20 NM. NORTH-NORTHWEST OF TBILISI, USSR

(NOT DRAWN TO SCALE)



- 17 TALL TOWERS 330 FEET HIGH
- 8 MEDIUM TOWERS 200 FEET HIGH
- IO SHORT TOWERS 130 FEET HIGH